

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY

AND

C.U.P.E. LOCAL 3433



Clerical, Secretarial and Technical Unit

2025-2029

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This agreement is made

BETWEEN:

Mount Allison University
(hereinafter called the Employer)

-and-

The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 3433,
(hereinafter called the Union).

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

1.01 Harmonious Relationship and Settling Differences

The purpose of this Agreement is to maintain a harmonious relationship between the parties hereto and to provide an amicable method of settling any differences or grievances which may arise with respect to matters covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

2.01 Retained Subject to Agreement

The Employer retains all the rights to manage the University it had before the Union applied for certification as bargaining agent. These rights are subject to the terms of this agreement.

ARTICLE 3 - UNION RECOGNITION

3.01 Definition of the Bargaining Unit

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all employees employed by Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B., in the clerical, secretarial and technical job classifications, save and except grant employees, casual employees, students, and those excluded by the *Industrial Relations Act*.

3.02 Work of the Bargaining Unit

The Employer will not contract out work, or assign work to persons who are not in the bargaining unit, so as to cause the lay off of an employee or to supplement a position that would otherwise be full-time.

3.03 Splitting Full-Time Positions

The Employer will not split a single full-time position into two or more part-time positions without the consent of the Union, except for operational reasons based on the hours within which the work must be done.

3.04 No Other Agreement

No employee shall be required or permitted to make any written or verbal agreement with the Employer which conflicts with the terms of this Collective Agreement.

3.05 Union Representative

The Union shall have the right to have the assistance of a representative of the Canadian Union of Public Employees when dealing or negotiating with the Employer.

ARTICLE 4 - DEFINITIONS

4.01 'Casual employee' means a person hired by the Employer for a definite or indefinite period of less than two (2) months.

'Employee' means an employee in the bargaining unit as defined by Article 3.01.

'Full-time employee' means an employee who works at least 30 hours a week.

'Part-time employee' means an employee who works less than 30 hours a week.

'Sessional employee' means an employee hired under a continuing arrangement whereby the employee works part of the year, such as an employee hired to work the months of September through April each academic year.

'Temporary employee' means an employee hired by the Employer to relieve an employee for a period of two (2) months or more.

'Term employee' means an employee hired by the Employer for a definite term of two months or more.

'Working day' means any Monday to Friday, except a holiday as defined in this agreement.

ARTICLE 5 – DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT & VIOLENCE

5.01 Discrimination

There shall be no discrimination by the Employer or its representatives or the Union or employees, against any employee or employees in any manner whatsoever because of race, colour, sex, age, marital status, family status, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ancestry, place of origin, **physical or mental disability, social condition, political belief or activity**, or lawful union activities consistent with the provisions of this Agreement, **except as otherwise permitted by the New Brunswick *Human Rights Act***.

5.02 Workplace Harassment & Violence

Every employee has the right to work in an environment that is free from workplace harassment and violence and from any reprisal or threat of reprisal for the reporting of such behaviour. The parties agree to jointly co-operate to ensure that allegations of workplace harassment or violence are effectively dealt with and to ensure those who make such allegations in good faith are able to do so without fear of reprisal.

Policies and procedures for the treatment of complaints of workplace harassment have been developed by the Employer. The current "Policy on Workplace Harassment" will not be revised without consultation with the Union.

5.03 Sexualized Violence

Every employee has the right to work in an environment that is free from **sexualized** violence and from any reprisal or threat of reprisal for the reporting of such behaviour. The parties agree to jointly co-operate to ensure that allegations of **sexualized** violence are effectively dealt with and to ensure those who make such allegations in good faith are able to do so without fear of reprisal.

Policies and procedures for the treatment of complaints of **sexualized** violence have been developed by the Employer. The current "**Sexualized** Violence Policy" developed by the Employer will not be revised without consultation with the Union.

5.04 Racism

Every employee has the right to work in an environment that is free from racism and from any reprisal or threat of reprisal for the reporting of such behaviour. The parties agree to jointly co-operate to ensure that allegations of racism are effectively dealt with and to ensure those who make such allegations in good faith are able to do so without fear of reprisal.

Policies and procedures for the treatment of complaints of racism have been developed by the Employer. The current “Anti-Racism Education and Response Policy” developed by the Employer will not be revised without consultation with the Union.

5.05 Domestic Violence

The Employer agrees to recognize that employees sometimes face situations of violence or abuse in their personal lives that may affect their attendance or performance at work. For that reason, the Employer agrees that an employee who is in an abusive or violent situation will not be subject to discipline if the absence or performance issue can be linked to the abusive or violent situation. The employer will also recognize that the employee may require a leave of absence, under Article 26.04 or Article 26.15, and will treat requests submitted under the terms of this article as confidential.

5.06 Grievances

An employee shall have the right to file a grievance alleging that an incident of workplace harassment or violence, **sexualized** violence or racism has occurred. Such grievances will be initiated at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 6 - UNION MEMBERSHIP

6.01 Membership

All employees who are now members of the Union shall continue to be members of the Union as a condition of employment. All future employees shall, as a condition of employment, become and remain members of the Union upon their date of hire. However, the Employer will not be required to discharge any employee who is **no longer a member in good standing with** the Union, except in the case of non-payment of dues.

6.02 Meetings

For the purpose of attending membership meetings, the Employer agrees to extend the lunch break from one hour to one and one half (1 ½) hours, four (4) times per year and five (5) times during bargaining years. The half hour extension will be with pay.

ARTICLE 7 - CHECK-OFF OF INITIATION FEES AND DUES

7.01 Check-off of dues

The Employer shall deduct from all employees, once each pay period, union dues in the amount certified by the Union to the Employer to be currently in effect.

7.02 Remittance of union dues

Such deduction shall be remitted within ten (10) working days from the last day of each month and shall be forwarded by the Employer to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union or, upon being advised by the Union, shall be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer of C.U.P.E. Once each month the Employer shall provide the Union with a list of employees from whom deductions were made and the amounts deducted.

7.03 Dues receipts

The Employer shall record the amount of union dues paid by each employee in the previous year on the T-4 slip.

ARTICLE 8 - NEW EMPLOYEES

8.01 Acquaint new employees

- a) The Employer shall provide new employees with **an electronic copy** of this collective agreement **at the time of providing the letter of offer** and shall acquaint new employees with the conditions of employment set out in articles 6 and 7 of this agreement.
- b) The Employer shall **notify the Union of new appointments by forwarding to the Union the name of the employee, their position and the job description for that position.**

8.02 Union Orientation

A representative of the Union shall be given, at a time agreed upon with the supervisor of the new employee, an opportunity to meet each new employee within regular working hours, without the Employer present, and without loss of pay. The meeting will be for a maximum of thirty (30) minutes during the first month of employment. The meeting will be for the purpose of acquainting the new employee with the benefits and duties of Union membership and the employee's responsibilities and obligations to the Employer and the Union.

ARTICLE 9 – CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATION

9.01 Correspondence

All correspondence between the parties shall pass to and from the Director of **People and Culture** (or designate) and the President of the Union (or designate) **by electronic mail.**

9.02 Communication

The Employer and the Union agree to communicate effectively, in regards to any concerns, issues or inquiries brought forward by an employee, the Employer, or the Union.

ARTICLE 10 - LABOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

10.01 Composition

A Labour Management Committee shall be established consisting of three (3) representatives of the Union and three (3) representatives of the Employer.

10.02 Support of the Parties

The Committee shall enjoy the full support of both parties in the interests of improved service to the public and job security for the employees.

10.03 Function

The Committee shall concern itself with the following general matters:

- (a) considering constructive criticisms of all activities so that better relations shall exist between the Employer and the employees;

- (b) improving and extending services to the University community;
- (c) reviewing suggestions from employees and questions on working conditions; and
- (d) correcting conditions causing grievances and misunderstandings.

10.04 Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least once each month at a mutually agreeable time and place. Its members shall receive a notice and agenda of the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting. An employee shall not suffer any loss of pay for time spent with this Committee or its sub-committees during working hours.

10.05 Minutes

Minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be prepared and signed by the joint chairpersons as promptly as possible after the close of the meeting. **Chairing of the meeting will alternate between the Union and the Employer. The minutes will be circulated within two (2) weeks following the meeting for signatures by both chairpersons.**

10.06 Jurisdiction

The Committee shall not have the power to bind either the Union or its members or the Employer to any decisions. The Committee shall have the power to make recommendations to the parties.

ARTICLE 11 - HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

11.01 Union's Right to Appoint Members

The Union shall have the right to appoint members to the various Joint Employee/Employer Health and Safety Committees on the following basis:

- one (1) member of the main Joint Health and Safety Committee;
- one-sixth (1/6) of the members of the Fine Arts/Sciences Sub-Committee; and
- one-sixth (1/6) of the members of the Faculty/Staff Sub-Committee.

11.02 No Loss of Wages, etc.

Employees on these committees shall not lose any salary, wages, seniority or benefits while attending committee meetings or while performing the responsibilities assigned to them by these committees.

ARTICLE 12 - PAY DURING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

12.01 Leave for the Bargaining Committee

The Employer shall not unreasonably withhold approval of a written request from the Union to permit a maximum of five (5) employees, each from a different department, up to one (1) day leave with pay to prepare for negotiations. Such a request must be made at least ten (10) days in advance of the dates that the leave is required.

The Employer shall pay employees for time spent in negotiations with the Employer for normal straight time hours lost for a maximum of five (5) employees, each from a different department, until an application for a conciliation officer is made.

ARTICLE 13 - UNION REPRESENTATIVES

13.01 Recognition

In order to provide an orderly and speedy procedure for the settling of grievances, the Employer acknowledges the rights of the Union to appoint four (4) Representatives. A Representative may assist any employee the Representative represents in preparing and presenting a grievance in accordance with the grievance procedure in Article 14.

13.02 Appointment

The Union shall keep the Employer informed in writing of the names of the Representatives and the effective dates of their appointments. The Employer shall not be required to recognize any employee as a Representative until such written notice has been received by the Employer.

13.03 Permission to Leave Work

A Representative shall be allowed to leave work for a reasonable period of time without loss of pay in order to fulfil obligations under this Agreement as defined in Article 13.01. Before leaving work for such purposes, the Representative shall obtain permission from the Representative's immediate supervisor, which permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

An employee shall also obtain such prior permission before leaving work to consult with a Representative or to participate in discussions concerning a complaint, grievance, **or the clarification of the employee's rights under this Agreement.** The Representative and employee shall inform their immediate supervisors when they return to work.

ARTICLE 14 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

14.01 Definition of Grievance

A grievance is any question concerning the application, administration, interpretation, or alleged violation of this collective agreement, including any question as to whether the matter is arbitrable.

14.02 Employee Grievance

If an employee has a grievance, the following procedures shall apply:

Step 1: Within ten (10) working days after the grievance has arisen, or after the employee should reasonably have become aware of the incident giving rise to the grievance, the employee, accompanied by the employee's Representative or by a member of the Union Executive if the employee so desires, may take the matter up with the first line of supervision outside the bargaining unit, presenting the grievance in writing. Failing any reply or satisfactory settlement within five (5) working days of the presentation of the grievance, the employee may proceed to Step 2.

Step 2: Within ten (10) working days after the expiration of the five (5) working day period referred to in step 1, the employee, accompanied by the employee's Representative or by a member of the Union Executive if the employee so desires, may submit the grievance to the Director of **People and Culture**. The Director shall reply in writing within five (5) working days from the presentation of the grievance under step 2. Failing any reply or satisfactory settlement within this last five (5) day period, the matter may be referred to arbitration as provided in Article 15 within ten (10) working days from the expiration of this last five (5) working day period.

14.03 Union Grievance

The grievance procedure may be utilized by the Union in processing a policy grievance which involves a violation of this Agreement. Such a policy grievance may be introduced directly to the Director of **People and Culture at step 2** within ten (10) working days after the incident alleged to be a violation of the Agreement or after the Union should reasonably have become aware of the incident.

14.04 Employer Grievance

If so requested by a notice in writing from the Employer, the Union, within ten (10) working days after delivery of such notice, shall meet with the Director of **People and Culture** or designate, for the purpose of dealing with and disposing of any grievance the Employer may have.

If any matter, properly the subject of a notice by the Employer to the Union as provided in the preceding clause hereof, is not disposed of to the mutual satisfaction of both parties within ten (10) working days after the delivery of the notice provided for in the preceding clause hereof, either party may refer the matter to arbitration as provided in Article 15 hereof within ten (10) working days from the expiration of such ten (10) working day period.

14.05 Time Limit Extended

Any and all time limits fixed by this Article may be extended or shortened by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union.

14.06 Representative Present During Grievance Process

After a grievance has been initiated, the Employer shall not enter into discussion or negotiation with respect to the grievance without the consent of the Union or a Representative present.

ARTICLE 15 - ARBITRATION

15.01 Notice of Arbitration

If either party wishes to refer a matter to arbitration as provided in Article 14, it shall, within the time limit specified in Article 14, give to the other party to this Agreement written notice of its intention to arbitrate.

15.02 Appointment of Arbitrator

Unless, within five (5) days from the date the notice of intention to arbitrate was sent and received, either party provides notice requiring the appointment of an arbitration board in accordance with Article 15.08, the matter shall be heard by a single arbitrator.

If the parties cannot agree upon a single arbitrator, or a request for an arbitration board is made and the parties' appointees cannot agree on a chairperson, the appointment shall be made by the Minister responsible for the *Industrial Relations Act* upon the application of either party.

15.03 Arbitration Procedure

The **arbitrator** may determine **their** own procedure, but shall give full opportunity to all parties to present evidence and make representations. **The arbitrator shall render a decision within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the arbitration hearing.**

15.04 Powers and Decision of the Arbitrator

The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties. The **arbitrator** shall not have the power to change this agreement or to alter, modify or amend any of its provisions. However, the **arbitrator** shall have the power to modify penalties or dispose of a grievance by any arrangement which it deems just and equitable.

15.05 Expenses of the Arbitrator

The parties shall jointly bear the expenses of the arbitrator, with each party paying one-half (½) of the arbitrator's fees and expenses.

15.06 Witnesses

At any stage of the grievance or arbitration procedures, the parties may have the assistance of the employee(s) concerned as witnesses and any other witnesses, and all reasonable arrangements shall be made to permit the **conferring** parties or the arbitrator to have access to the Employer's premises to view any working conditions which may be relevant to the settlement of the grievance.

15.07 Steps in Grievance Procedure

No matter may be submitted to arbitration which has not been properly carried through all steps of the grievance procedure.

15.08 Arbitration Board

Either party may request, within the time frame set out in Article 15.02, the appointment of a three-person arbitration board to hear the matter, rather than a single arbitrator. In the event such request is made, each party shall confirm their appointee to the other party within ten (10) days of the request for appointment of an arbitration board. The two appointees so selected shall within five (5) working days of their appointment appoint a third person who shall be the chairperson. Each party shall bear the expense of their own appointee, and the expense of the chairperson shall be shared equally by the parties. Articles 15.03, 15.04, 15.06 and 15.07 apply to an arbitration board in the same way that they would apply to a single arbitrator.

ARTICLE 16 - WARNINGS, DISCHARGE, SUSPENSION AND EMPLOYEE FILES

16.01 Just Cause

An employee may be disciplined, but only for just cause.

16.02 Progressive Discipline

The parties recognize that in appropriate cases discipline should be progressive and administered in a timely manner.

16.03 Interviews - Right to have Representative Present

Where a supervisor intends to interview an employee for disciplinary purposes, the supervisor shall notify the employee of the purpose of the interview in advance in order that the employee may have their Representative present at the interview.

16.04 Warnings

Warnings which will be part of an employee's record shall be given to the employee in the presence of the Union President, or other designated Union officer, and written particulars of such discipline shall be given to the employee and the Union within three (3) working days thereafter.

16.05 Discharge or Suspension

When an employee is discharged or suspended, the employee shall be given the reason in the presence of the Union President, or other designated Union officer. This meeting will take place before the suspension or discharge becomes effective unless extreme circumstances require the meeting to take place

afterwards. Nevertheless, the Employer's action and reason for the action shall be given in writing to the employee and the Union by Registered Mail within two (2) working days. Any resulting grievance from such disciplinary action shall proceed directly to step 2 of the grievance procedure.

16.06 Employee Records

An employee shall have the right, at a time and frequency mutually agreeable with a representative of the **People and Culture** Department, to have access to and review their employee file. The employee shall have the right to respond in writing to any document contained in the file; such reply shall become part of the permanent record of the employee. Prior letters of reprimand and adverse reports shall not be used against an employee in any disciplinary action if that employee successfully completes twelve (12) months of service free from any disciplinary action. An employee shall receive a copy of all letters of reprimand and adverse reports at the time they are issued by the Employer.

16.07 Job Performance

An employee who receives a formal written assessment of their job performance shall have the right to add comments which shall form part of the formal assessment. An employee has the right to request an annual formal assessment of their job performance. Such a request shall be made in writing to the employee's manager who will provide the written assessment to the employee as soon as is reasonably possible but no later than two (2) months from the date the request was made.

ARTICLE 17 - SENIORITY AND PROBATION

17.01 Definitions

An employee's seniority is defined as the continuous length of time in the bargaining unit and shall include service prior to the certification of the Union. An employee's seniority date shall be the date on which the employee started to accrue seniority as defined in the previous sentence.

Any credit for seniority provided under Article 18.03 shall re-establish the continuous length of time in the bargaining unit for purposes of this article.

Seniority is not broken by a lay-off except as provided in article 17.05. If more than one employee has the same seniority date, lots will be drawn to determine the order of seniority. Seniority shall operate on a bargaining unit wide basis unless provided otherwise. Seniority dates for employees in the bargaining unit as of July 1, 2002 will not be changed as a result of the new definition of seniority which became effective July 1, 2002.

Service is defined as the continuous length of employment with the Employer and shall include service prior to the certification of the Union.

17.02 Seniority List

The Employer shall maintain a list showing the seniority date of every bargaining unit employee. The seniority list will be updated at the beginning of each month and posted on the **People and Culture** website.

17.03 Correction on Seniority List

Any protest in regard to seniority status shall be submitted, in writing, to the Union and to the Employer within thirty (30) working days from the date seniority lists are made available to each employee. If both the Union and the Employer agree, in writing, that an error has been made, such error shall be corrected and when so corrected the agreed upon seniority date shall be final.

17.04 Probationary Period

The purpose of the probationary period is to allow management to assess the probationary employee's suitability for continued employment with the Employer and if, in management's considered judgment, a probationary employee is not suitable, that employee's employment may be terminated and such termination shall be deemed to be for just cause.

The Employer will communicate in writing with the manager of an employee on probation, with a copy to the employee, at the half-way point of the employee's probationary period. The purpose of this communication is to remind the manager of the importance of providing feedback to the employee during the probationary period.

If the probationary employee is deemed not suitable, a representative of the **People and Culture** Department and the employee's supervisor will meet with the employee to inform them of the Employer's decision. Within five (5) days of that meeting, the Employer will notify the Union of the decision.

During the probationary period, the employee shall be entitled to all rights and benefits of this agreement.

a) Probationary period for regular employees

A newly-hired employee shall be on probation for a period of six (6) months from the date of hire. Any absence from work during the probationary period for a period of greater than one (1) month, will extend the probationary period by an equal amount of time. Any step increase to Step 1 on the salary scale deferred

as a result of this extension will be granted upon successful completion of the probationary period, retroactively to a date which is six (6) months from the date the employee started in the position.

b) Probationary period for sessional employees

A newly-hired sessional employee shall be on probation for a period of six (6) months from the date of hire. The probationary period for sessional employees will be extended by an equal amount of time for any period of layoff or for any absence from work greater than one (1) month. Any step increase to Step 1 on the salary scale deferred as a result of an extension due to absence greater than one (1) month will be granted upon successful completion of the probationary period, retroactively to a date which is six (6) months from the date the employee started in the position. Step increases for sessional employees will not be deferred for any periods of sessional layoff.

17.05 Loss of Seniority

An employee shall lose all seniority and shall be deemed to have terminated employment with the Employer if the employee,

- a) voluntarily quits or resigns in writing;
- b) is discharged and is not reinstated pursuant to the grievance and arbitration procedures as provided in this Agreement;
- c) fails to signify, within ten (10) working days from date the Employer sends to the employee's last known address, by registered mail, written notification of recall, their intention to return to work, or fails to report to work after so signifying within a further ten (10) working days;
- d) completes a temporary or term appointment, except,
 - i) as provided under Article 19.09,
 - ii) when the employee starts another appointment in the bargaining unit with no break in service between the end date of the temporary or term appointment and the effective date of the new appointment.
- e) is absent from work for more than five (5) consecutive working days for any reason without notifying the Employer;
- f) is laid off and not recalled within two (2) years of the date of layoff; or
- g) fails to return to work following a disability **or sick leave** within five (5) working days of the date on which the employee has been medically cleared in writing to return to work.

ARTICLE 18 - TRANSFER OUTSIDE BARGAINING UNIT

18.01 Transfers

No employee shall be transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit without the employee's consent.

18.02 Trial Period

If an employee is transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit, the provisions of Article 19.07 shall apply to that transfer.

18.03 Credit for Seniority

An employee who transfers to a position outside the bargaining unit and who after having returned to a position in the bargaining unit for any reason within **one (1) year** and with no break in employment, shall then receive credit for seniority **for the term worked outside the bargaining unit, and retain existing seniority** as if the employee had not transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit. **Should a term be extended beyond one (1) year, additional seniority will no longer accrue.**

Employees holding temporary or term positions outside the bargaining unit will be listed on the seniority list as "inactive". While inactive, such employees will have no access to Union supports, rights, or membership privileges, except seniority, as stated above, and the Right to Return, if applicable, per article 19.10.

Should the temporary assignment be made permanent, the employee will cease to be a member of the bargaining unit and forfeit any claim to bargaining unit seniority.

ARTICLE 19 - JOB POSTINGS

19.01 Job Posting

When a new position is created, or when a vacancy occurs, in the bargaining unit, the Employer shall immediately send a notice in writing to the Union and to each employee at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the closing date for applications so that all employees will know about the vacancy or new position.

If the Employer extends the closing date of a job posting, a revised copy of the posting will be sent to the Union and to each employee.

19.02 Information on Posting

Such notice shall contain the following information: nature of position; required qualifications, education and skills; hours of work, wages or salary rate or range; and date of closure of applications. **The information shall be substantially the same on internal and external postings.**

All job postings for sessional, term or part-time positions shall include the intended duration of the appointment. For clarity, postings for sessional appointments shall also include the salary range pro-rated to the intended duration of the appointment.

19.03 Outside Advertising

The Employer reserves the right to advertise outside during the foregoing posting procedure.

19.04 Qualifications and Standards

The qualifications for a position may not be established in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner. Furthermore, the standards used in the selection of applicants shall be uniformly applied and shall be related to the required qualifications, skills and abilities in the job description and posting.

19.05 Selecting a Candidate

A hiring committee of at least three (3) persons shall be established for a vacancy that is posted in accordance with Article 19.01. In determining the composition of the committee, the nature of the position will be taken into consideration particularly with respect to the involvement of persons from outside the department. A representative of **People and Culture** (or designate) shall be included on a hiring committee that is considering internal candidates. **The hiring committee shall comply with University policies regarding avoidance of conflict of interest in employment decisions.**

Employees who apply for a posted position shall be given an interview as part of the selection process. Employees must include a cover letter and resume with their application. Employees who do not meet the minimum qualification, skills and abilities as stated in the posting must indicate in their cover letter why they believe they would be a suitable candidate for the position.

In selecting a candidate on a posting, required qualifications, skills and abilities shall apply.

If required qualifications, skills and abilities are equal, bargaining unit employees will be given preference and seniority shall apply.

19.06 Time Limit

If an appointment has not already been made within six (6) weeks of the date of closure of applications, the Employer will both 1) inform the Union President of the status of the process in writing, and 2) write all applicants who are members of the bargaining unit giving them an estimate of the additional time it will take before a final decision is made.

19.07 Trial Period

When the successful applicant is a current employee, they shall be placed on trial for a period of forty-five (45) days worked. The forty-five (45) day trial period may be reduced with the written agreement of the Employer, the employee and the Union. In the event the successful applicant proves unsatisfactory during the before-mentioned trial period, or if the employee finds themselves unable to perform the duties of the new position, the employee shall be returned to their former position without loss of seniority and wages or salary. Any other employees promoted or transferred because of the rearrangement of positions shall also be returned to their former positions without loss of seniority and wages or salary.

19.08 Acting Appointment

If the Employer appoints an employee to an acting position, **the appointment shall be in writing and the employee must consent.** The employer will pay the employee rate of pay for the position in which they are acting **effective the date of appointment, which rate of pay will not be lower than the employee's rate of pay immediately prior to the appointment.**

19.09 Right to Return from a Term or Temporary Appointment **Within the Bargaining Unit**

For an employee with a continuing appointment who is the successful candidate for a term or temporary position **within the bargaining unit**, the right to return to their former position must be approved by the employee's manager and Vice-President prior to the commencement of the appointment. The Employer shall provide the employee with reasons in writing when the right to return is not approved. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the Union.

Time worked during such an appointment will be counted towards the employee's seniority.

Where the employee has been granted the right to return, at the end of the term or temporary appointment the employee shall return to their former position without loss of seniority. If the employee's former position no longer exists, the employee will be treated as if they were laid off from that position.

19.10 Right to Return from a Term or Temporary Appointment Outside the Bargaining Unit

When an employee with a continuing appointment is the successful candidate for a term or temporary position **outside the bargaining unit, they will have the Right to Return to their former position within the bargaining unit if: a) they have been a member of the bargaining unit for at least one (1) year without break in employment; and b) the right to return to their former position is approved by the Employer prior to the commencement of the appointment.** The Employer shall provide the employee with reasons in writing, **with a copy to the Union, if the right to return is not approved.**

If the term is to be extended past the original agreement the union shall be notified in writing prior to the extension. The maximum term, including any extensions for which a Right to Return may be granted is three (3) years.

Where the employee has been granted the Right to Return, the employee shall return to their former position at the end of the term or temporary appointment with credit for seniority in accordance with article 18.03. If the employee's former position no longer exists, the employee will be treated as if they were laid off from that position.

ARTICLE 20 - LAY-OFFS

20.01 Definition

A lay-off is a reduction in the workforce or a reduction in an employee's regular hours of work, except a reduction in the workforce which occurs when a sessional employee ends a session or a term employee ends a term.

20.02 Role of Seniority in Lay-Offs

In the event of a lay-off in a department or office, if there are several employees at the same salary grade doing essentially the same job, the employee laid off will be the one with the least seniority.

20.03 Right to Bump

An employee being laid off shall have the right to bump the least senior employee in positions in the bargaining unit at the same salary grade or below provided the employee has the required qualifications, skills and abilities. **As the purpose of this article is to protect the greatest per cent of the employee's income, positions in the employee's current paygrade will be considered, in ascending order from lowest to highest seniority, before considering positions in a lower paygrade.**

20.04 Recall Procedure

For each posted position, no new employees shall be hired until those laid off, who have the required qualifications, skills and abilities, have been given the opportunity of re-employment.

The Employer shall notify an employee on recall of all posted positions by the normal means unless other arrangements are made. An employee on recall shall apply for each posted position for which they feel qualified.

Employees shall be recalled in order of their seniority.

If the position from which an employee was laid off is reinstated, that employee will be recalled if they are still on recall.

The recall period will expire two (2) years from the effective date of layoff or by confirmation of the employee's appointment to a continuing position with the Employer, whichever occurs first.

20.05 Notice of Lay-Off

Unless legislation is more favourable to the employees, the Employer shall give written notification, at least four (4) weeks in advance, to employees who are to be laid off for a period of one (1) week or more. Before giving notice of lay-off, the Employer will meet with the Union President **and Union Executive designates** to discuss where employees **could** be placed as per articles 20.02 and 20.03.

Sessional employees shall be given at least two (2) weeks written notification prior to their last day of work in a period of sessional service. Such notification shall also reference any requirement to work during the period between sessions.

20.06 Grievances

Grievances concerning lay-offs and recalls shall be initiated at step 2 of the grievance procedure.

20.07 Union Notification of Appointments, etc

The Union shall be notified in writing within 10 working days of all appointments, lay-offs, recalls, transfers and terminations of employees.

On request by the Union, the Employer shall prepare a list of all bargaining unit assignments, indicating whether they are permanent or temporary. In the event the Union learns of a grievance when this record is provided, the time limits under the grievance procedure shall start when the records are received by the Union.

ARTICLE 21 - HOURS OF WORK

21.01 Regular Hours of Work

The regular work week for employees will be 35 hours made up of five (5) daily shifts of seven hours each, Monday to Friday.

The regular hours of work will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

However, from the Victoria Day weekend until Labour Day, the regular work week for employees will be reduced to 32.5 hours made up of five daily shifts of six and one-half hours each, Monday to Friday, and the regular hours of work will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This reduction in hours will be pro-rated for part-time employees.

The regular shift will have an unpaid lunch break of one hour.

21.02 Cooperative Time

Cooperative time is an arrangement whereby the regular hours of work are modified by mutual agreement by the Employer and the Employee due to an unanticipated situation. The Employer can request the cooperative time arrangement with twenty-four (24) hours notice by email. Under such an agreement, the cooperative hours worked will not exceed the regular work week hours and will be used within ten (10) work days. The Employer shall not make more than one request within a regular work week.

21.03 Irregular Hours of Work

Normally, an employee required to work irregular hours will receive two weeks notice of a change in their hours of work. However, the parties recognize that the regular work week, the regular hours of work, and regular shifts have to be flexible due to the nature of the services provided by employees, and in particular recognize that some employees may regularly work irregular weeks, hours, or shifts.

The regular work week for irregularly scheduled employees consists of five (5) daily shifts of seven (7) hours and two (2) days of rest, scheduled Monday to Sunday.

However, from the Victoria Day weekend until Labour Day, the regular work week will be reduced to 32.5 hours made up of five (5) daily shifts of six and one-half hours each, Monday to Sunday, and two (2) days of rest. This reduction in hours will be pro-rated for part-time employees.

Days of rest are normally scheduled consecutively, unless mutually agreed.

The irregular shift will have an unpaid lunch break of one hour.

21.04 Flex Time/Plus Time

Flex time and plus time are work schedule arrangements designed to provide for the individual preferences and work habits of employees, while, at the same time, ensuring the efficient operation of the Employer's service.

- i) Flex time is an arrangement whereby the regular hours of work are modified at the request of an employee and with the approval of the Employer. Under such an arrangement, the total number of hours in the regular work week (i.e., 35 hours or 32.5 hours) does not change.
- ii) Plus time is an arrangement whereby an employee accumulates time worked in excess of the regular work day or the regular work week at straight time so that the employee is provided with increased flexibility in their work schedule. When an employee requests a plus time arrangement, such an arrangement will be implemented on an employee/employer basis only after mutual agreement. Written notice of a plus time arrangement and the method to track the time must be sent to the Director of **People and Culture** and to the Union.

No employee shall accumulate a balance of more than seventy (70) hours of plus time at any given time. Any plus hours in excess of 70 will not be compensated.

21.05 Rest Period

An employee shall be permitted a paid rest period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes in both the first and the second half of each daily shift.

21.06 Reporting Pay

If an employee reports for work on a regularly scheduled shift, without having been given adequate notice not to do so, and no work is available or the employee is not able to work the full shift because the workplace is closed by the University before or during the shift, the employee shall be paid for the full shift.

ARTICLE 22 - OVERTIME

22.01 Overtime & Compensation

All hours required by the Employer to be worked in excess of an employee's regular work week or an employee's regular work day shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular hourly rate, except part-time employees shall only receive overtime rates after working seven (7) hours in a day or thirty-five (35) hours in a five day week. During the period from Victoria Day to Labour Day, part-time employees shall receive overtime rates after working six and one half (6.5) hours in a day or thirty-two and one half (32.5) hours in a five day week.

22.02 Work Performed on Paid Holidays

If an employee is required by the Employer to work on a paid holiday, they shall be compensated at two (2) times the employee's regular hourly rate for the hours worked, and will also receive any compensation required under Article 23.

22.03 Work Performed on December 25 or January 1

Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, if an employee is required by the Employer to work on December 25th or January 1st, they shall be compensated at the rate of two and one-half (2-1/2) times the employee's regular hourly rate, plus compensation for the statutory holiday.

22.04 Work Performed on Rest Days

If an employee is required by the Employer to work on their first or second day of rest, they shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times.

If an employee is required by the Employer to work on both the first and second day of rest, the employee shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half

(1-1/2) times for the first day, and at the rate of double (2) times for the second day.

If an employee is required by the Employer to work overtime on a Sunday, the employee shall be compensated at double time.

Any employee who is required by the Employer to work any hours on the above-mentioned days shall receive no less than call-back compensation.

22.05 Work Performed While On Vacation

An employee who is required by the Employer to work during their vacation period shall be compensated at double the regular hourly rate of pay plus one (1) day off with pay in lieu of each vacation day in which work was performed.

22.06 Form of Overtime Compensation

The normal form of compensation for overtime worked will be time off at the appropriate overtime rate. Time may be taken in thirty (30) minute, hourly or full-day increments.

The time off will normally be taken at a time agreed to by the Employer and the Employee within three (3) months of the overtime being worked. The time off may be taken later, if mutually agreed to in writing.

If mutual agreement is not reached **within three (3) months of the overtime being worked, the Employee will provide the Employer with three dates within the next 30 days to take the time off, of which the Employer shall either: a) select one date proposed by the Employee; or b) pay out the overtime earned on the last pay date of the next quarter when the appropriate authorization is provided to the Department of People and Culture at least one week in advance of the pay date. The appropriate rate of pay will be the employee's rate of pay at the time of payment.**

The quarters for this article are as follows:

Start	End
January 1	March 31
April 1	June 30
July 1	September 30
October 1	December 31

22.07 Overtime After Regular Hours

In the event that an employee is asked, prior to their normal quitting time, to work overtime, the provisions of Article 22.09 shall not apply to such overtime worked. An employee required to work more than (2) hours of overtime immediately following the end of their shift shall be provided with a meal allowance of **\$18.00 or, if the Jennings meal hall is open, with a meal ticket to Jennings**. The Employer shall allow a one half hour meal break. An additional meal allowance and meal break will be allowed for each continuous and additional four (4) hours of overtime.

22.08 Distribution of Overtime

Overtime shall be assigned to the employee who normally does the work. If more than one employee normally does the work, it will be offered first to the most senior such employee in the department. Upon request, the Union shall be provided with a record of overtime worked by all employees.

22.09 Call-Back Guarantee

Employees who are called back for work after leaving the Employer's premises shall be compensated:

- i. When an Employee is called back and required to physically return to the workplace for four (4) hours at one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular rates and will only be required to perform the work for which they were called back. If employees are required to work in excess of four (4) hours, they will thereafter be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular rates until they complete their assignments or until the commencement of their next shift, whichever shall first occur.
- ii. When an Employee is called back and is not required to physically return to the workplace, the applicable overtime rate shall be compensated with a minimum guarantee of one (1) hour work when required to perform the work for which they are called back. The Employee will be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times for every hour or part thereof. Compensation will begin immediately at the time of the call-back in cases that require immediate attention, unless an alternate start time has been mutually agreed upon.

22.10 On Call Provision

If an employee is required by the Employer to be on call, that employee shall be provided with a cellular phone, shall remain one hour's driving time from Sackville, and shall receive 1/4 of their regular rate of pay for every hour on call during the first 24 hours in addition to pay for any call back.

If an employee is required to be on call for more than 24 hours that employee shall receive 1/2 of their regular rate of pay for every hour on call in excess of 24 hours in addition to pay for any call back.

If an employee is required to be on call on a Statutory Holiday, that employee shall receive their regular rate of pay for every hour on call in addition to pay for any call back.

Employees who are required to be on call shall receive at least two **weeks'** notice.

The normal form of compensation for on call shall be in accordance with Article 22.06.

22.11 Travel Time

Outside Work Assignments

Wherever possible, travel to outside work assignments should take place during regular hours of work.

Time spent travelling to outside work assignments which would otherwise result in the payment of overtime pursuant to this article will be compensated at straight time.

Time spent travelling includes associated waiting periods but not time in overnight accommodations.

Training Courses or Professional Development Opportunities

Wherever possible, travel to training courses and professional development opportunities should take place during regular hours of work.

Where it is not reasonably possible for such travel to take place during regular hours of work and where the Employer provides support to an employee to attend a training course or professional development opportunity, time spent traveling which would otherwise result in the payment of overtime pursuant to this article will be compensated at straight time. For the purpose of this clause, support means either the partial or full payment of registration fees and/or reimbursement of travel expenses and/or accommodation expenses.

Time spent traveling includes associated waiting periods but not time in overnight accommodations.

Form of Travel Time Compensation

The form of compensation for travel time will be time off and time may be taken in thirty (30) minute, hourly or full-day increments.

The time off will be taken at a time agreed to by the Employer and the Employee within three (3) months of the travel time being earned. The time off may be taken later, if mutually agreed to in writing. For sessional Employees travel time earned must be taken during the period of active sessional service.

Travel time may be paid out with mutual agreement under exceptional circumstances.

22.12 Recording of Overtime, Travel Time and Time Off

All claimed overtime and corresponding time off must be submitted through the leave tracking system to the **People and Culture** Department. The official record shall be maintained by the **People and Culture** Department.

22.13 Attendance at Training Courses or Professional Development Opportunities on Weekends or Paid Holidays

If an employee is required by the Employer to attend a conference, workshop or professional development opportunity offered on a Saturday, Sunday or paid holiday, they shall be compensated at the rate of straight time for the time spent attending the event, to a maximum of seven (7) hours each day.

ARTICLE 23 - PAID HOLIDAYS

23.01 Paid Holidays

The days listed below are recognized by the Employer as paid holidays for all employees who are being paid by the Employer at the time of the holiday except temporary and term employees who have been employed for less than thirty (30) days.

For Christmas, part-time employees shall be paid for the number of days which are the greater of that required under the *Employment Standards Act* or that determined by the following formula:

Number of Hours in their Normal Work Week Divided by 35 and Multiplied by the Number of Holidays in that Christmas Period. These days will be paid at the employee's pro-rated daily rate.

<u>Family Day</u>	Third Monday in February
<u>Good Friday</u>	Friday before Easter Sunday
<u>Victoria Day</u>	May 24, if it is a Monday otherwise, the previous Monday
<u>Canada Day</u>	July 1 unless that day is a Sunday in which case the holiday is July 2. The holiday is celebrated on July 3 if July 1 is a Saturday.
<u>New Brunswick Day</u>	First Monday in August
<u>Labour Day</u>	First Monday in September
<u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	Second Monday in October
<u>Remembrance Day</u>	November 11 unless that day is a Saturday or Sunday in which case the holiday will be on either the preceding Friday or the following Monday (as determined by the University's academic schedule).
<u>Christmas</u>	Each Monday to Friday from December 24th to January 1st; January 2nd, when it falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday; and December 23rd, when it falls on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

<u>If Christmas falls on a</u>	<u>Holidays fall on</u>				
	M	T	W	T	F
Sunday - - - - -					23
	26	27	28	29	30
Monday - - - - -	25	26	27	28	29
	1	2			
Tuesday - - - - -	24	25	26	27	28
	31	1	2		
Wednesday - - - - -	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31	1	2	

Thursday	-----	24	25	26
		29	30	31
			1	2
Friday	-----	23	24	25
		28	29	30
			31	1
Saturday	-----		23	24
		27	28	29
			30	31

ARTICLE 24 - PAID VACATIONS

24.01 Length of Vacation

An employee in the bargaining unit with service of

- a) less than ninety (90) months shall be entitled to a vacation with pay calculated at the rate of one and one-quarter (1-1/4) days or six (6) percent for each full calendar month of paid service,
- b) ninety (90) months, but less than two hundred and ten (210) months, shall be entitled to a vacation with pay calculated at the rate of one and two-thirds (1-2/3) days or eight (8) percent for each full calendar month of paid service,
- c) two hundred and ten (210) months or more shall be entitled to a vacation with pay calculated at the rate of two and one twelfth (2-1/12) days or ten (10) percent for each full calendar month of paid service.

For each calendar month of paid service

Service	Days accumulated	Percent paid
<90 months	1-1/4 days (1.25)	6%
90 to 209 months	1-2/3 days (1.66)	8%
210 months +	2-1/12 days (2.08%)	10%

For the purpose of this clause, a full calendar month is a month in which an employee receives pay for at least ten (10) days.

24.02 Vacation Year

The vacation year shall be July 1st to June 30th. It is understood that vacation is normally taken in the year after it is earned. However, by mutual agreement, the

vacation may be taken during the year in which it is earned, provided the time has been earned.

24.03 Holiday While on Vacation

Should a paid holiday as contemplated in Article 23.01 hereof fall within an employee's vacation period, such paid holiday shall be taken by the employee at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the Employer.

24.04 Vacation Pay on Termination

Employees terminating employment at any time in the vacation year, prior to using their vacation, shall be entitled to a proportionate payment of salary or wages in lieu of such vacation on termination.

24.05 Preference in Vacation

If requested to do so, the Employer will try to schedule vacations during the months of July and August and, for employees with sufficient vacation credits, in unbroken periods of twenty (20) working days. If the Employer cannot meet such requests in a department, preference shall be given to the employees in that department on the basis of seniority. Once a vacation request has been approved, it will not be changed without the mutual agreement of the employee and the Employer.

24.06 Pro-rated Vacation

When calculating the annual vacation entitlement for the vacation year, if an employee is entitled to a fraction of a day off, that employee may take one-half a day off for any fraction equal to one-half or less, and one day off otherwise.

During a period when the Employer is supplementing EI maternity benefits or EI parental benefits at 40% of the employee's salary under clauses 26.08 or 26.09, the employee's vacation accrual rate will be pro-rated at 40% in respect of any given calendar month. An employee who receives full pay for at least ten (10) days in a calendar month will not have their vacation accrual pro-rated in respect of that month.

24.07 Sick Leave While On Vacation

If an employee becomes hospitalized for more than one day during their vacation, there shall be no deduction of vacation credits during the period of hospitalization. If an employee becomes sick for more than three consecutive calendar days during their vacation, there shall be no deduction of vacation credits during the period of sickness. An employee shall notify their supervisor at the time of such hospitalization or sickness and shall provide the Employer with medical certificates of such hospitalization or sickness.

24.08 Carryover of Earned Vacation

Employees must take vacation earned in one vacation year before the conclusion of the following vacation year. In exceptional circumstances, and with the written approval of the appropriate Vice-President, an employee may carry over vacation leave earned in one vacation year beyond June 30 of the following vacation year. A copy of this approval must be provided to the **People and Culture** Department before June 30 of that following vacation year.

ARTICLE 25 - SICK LEAVE PLANS

25.01 Workers' Compensation

Article 25 does not apply when an employee is entitled to receive compensation for a sickness or injury under the Workers' Compensation Act, in which case the provisions of Article 27.05 shall apply.

25.02 Sick Leave Plan for Probationary Employees Employed For Less Than Three Calendar Months, Term Employees and Temporary Employees

Full-time employees on probation who have been employed for less than three calendar months, full-time term employees and full-time temporary employees have a sick leave plan under which they earn sick leave credits at the rate of one and one-quarter days for each full calendar month of service to a maximum of 130 days of credit. As soon as these employees return to work from an absence on sick leave, they may use unused sick leave credits for new disabilities or for a reoccurrence of the former disability.

Part-time employees have the same coverage as full-time employees except that only part-time pay is continued during the leave.

Medical certificates may be required by the Employer. If required, the cost to obtain the required certificate will be paid or reimbursed by the Employer.

25.03 Sick Leave Plan for Full-Time Employees

Full-time employees (except full-time employees who have been on probation for less than three calendar months, full-time term employees and full-time temporary employees), have a sick leave plan which provides full salary from the date they are unable to work for a maximum of fifteen (15) consecutive weeks. After fifteen (15) consecutive weeks of sick leave has been paid, the Employer will then, under its Supplemental Employment Benefit (SUB) Plan, top up Employment Insurance (EI) sick benefits for up to the next fifteen (15) weeks of sick leave to 95% of the employee's normal weekly income. During this second 15 week period, employees continue to make pension contributions based on full salary and receive credited service under the Mount Allison Pension Plan or, in the case of those employees in the Sun Life Pension Plan, both employee and

employer pension contributions continue based on the employee's full salary. The Employer will again make sick leave payments equivalent to full salary to employees who are not able to return to work after the expiration of the second fifteen (15) week period. These payments will continue until the earlier of a) the effective date of income payments under the long term disability plan and b) the date the employee has received six months of income in total from the Employer as sick leave payments and as SUB plan benefits. If income payments under the long term disability plan are approved retroactively, any resulting sick leave overpayment from the Employer will be reimbursed by the employee to the Employer.

If an employee does not qualify for payments under the SUB plan, the Employer will pay sick leave payments until the total of all sick leave benefits equals six months of the employee's regular salary.

If an employee returns to work after an absence on sick leave, full benefits will be available immediately for new disabilities which commence after the return to work.

If an employee returns to work after an absence on sick leave, full benefits will be available for a reoccurrence of the same disability when the employee has been back at work for three calendar months. However, if an employee has a reoccurrence of the same disability before full benefits are available for a reoccurrence of the same disability, benefits will nevertheless be paid a) for one month or b) until the equivalent of six months of benefits have been paid in respect of that disability, whichever period is longer.

Part-time employees have the same coverage as full-time employees except that only part-time pay is continued during the leave.

Medical certificates may be required by the Employer. If required, the cost to obtain the required certificate will be paid or reimbursed by the Employer.

25.04 Termination of Sick Leave Benefits

Sick leave benefit payments end on the effective date of an employee's layoff or termination of employment if:

- i) 15 weeks of benefit payments have been made, or
- ii) notice of the layoff or termination was given prior to the start of the disability **or sick leave**.

If benefit payments extend beyond the date of layoff or termination, benefit payments will end when 15 weeks of benefit payments in total have been made.

Sessional employees will be eligible to receive sick leave payments when they are normally scheduled to work. This will include scheduled hours of part-time work in the summer. Sick leave payments to sessional employees will be suspended during the normal period of inactive service and will resume upon an employee's scheduled return to work if an employee is not able to return to work due to the same disability and if income payments under the long term disability plan have not commenced.

The Employer will not make any top-up payments under the SUB plan during periods of layoff.

ARTICLE 26 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

26.01 Leave for Union Activity

The Employer may grant a leave of absence with pay, to a maximum of six (6) days paid per calendar year, for employees to attend official Union conventions, training sessions and education sessions provided the Employer receives at least four (4) weeks' notice in writing naming the employee(s) for whom leave is desired. Such requests will not be unreasonably denied by the Employer. The Employer will bill the Union within 30 days for the employee's regular salary or wages during the leave of absence, if the employee is replaced.

Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, the Employer may grant additional leaves of absence for employees to attend official Union conventions, training sessions and education sessions provided the Employer receives at least four (4) weeks' notice in writing naming the employee(s) for whom leave **is** desired. Such requests will not be unreasonably denied by the Employer. The Employer will bill the Union within 30 days for the employee's regular salary or wages during the leave of absence.

Such requests shall be sent to the Director of **People and Culture**. The Employer shall give due consideration to a request that is made with less than four (4) weeks' notice.

The President of the Union shall be allowed a reasonable period of time without loss of pay in order to fulfill obligations under this Agreement. Before leaving work for such purposes, the President of the Union shall obtain permission from their supervisor. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

26.02 Paternal Leave/Adoption Leave

The Employer shall grant a paid leave of five (5) days to an employee upon the birth of a child to their spouse or upon the adoption of their child. This leave shall be taken by the employee immediately after the birth or adoption of the child.

26.03 Bereavement Leave

Except for a term or temporary employee employed for less than 30 days, in the event of the death of the employee's relative, an employee will be granted time-off with pay on the following basis:

- (i) On the death of a **parent**, guardian, spouse, common-law spouse, life partner, **child**, **step-parent**, or step-child five working days;
- (ii) On the death of a **sibling**, grandparent, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, or son-in-law three working days. An employee shall apply to their supervisor for an additional paid leave of up to two days if the additional leave is required for the purpose of travel to or from the funeral. The granting of such a request will not be unreasonably denied.
- iii) On the death of an aunt, uncle, niece or nephew, one working day.

To be entitled to this time-off with pay, the employee must not be on sick leave, leave of absence, compensation, lay-off or holidays. When an employee on vacation leave is eligible for bereavement leave under this article, the vacation leave will be displaced by bereavement leave. Furthermore, the five days off must be taken within a 7 calendar day period, and the three days off must be taken within a five calendar day period, immediately following the death and must be taken at times when the employee would otherwise have been working. Such days off shall be for the purpose of grieving the loss or of attending the funeral or making or assisting with funeral arrangements. **Employees may carry over one of their allotted bereavement days for use when the interment of any relative covered in Article 26.03 is to be at a later date.**

A term or temporary employee employed for less than 30 days will receive bereavement leave according to the Employment Standards Act.

Employees will receive up to three hours to attend a funeral if permission is granted by the department head. Such permission will not be unreasonably withheld. Except for a term or temporary employee employed for less than 30 days, this leave will be with pay.

26.04 Personal Leave

Although employees are responsible for making arrangements to ensure they are available for work during normal working hours, the Employer recognizes that unexpected occurrences such as domestic situations, interruption of caregiver services, school closures etc. may require employees to be absent from work for short periods. Employees are expected to inform their supervisors as soon as possible that these absences have become necessary and make a reasonable effort to avoid these absences. Employees will not lose pay when personal leave is approved.

Guidelines for Approval of Personal Leave

- the situation resulting in the need to be absent from work should be unexpected, to the point of being an emergency.
- the employee generally should have no choice but to take care of the situation personally.
- the leave is intended to provide time for the employee to take the necessary steps to stabilize the situation.
- the personal leave should be of short duration, normally not to exceed one day; the employee's supervisor may, at their discretion, extend the personal leave if the situation is one in which it could reasonably be expected that more time would be required for the employee to stabilize the situation.
- if an absence from work is necessary but the reason for the absence does not support the approval of personal leave, the supervisor may approve the absence and the arrangement that will be used to cover the missed time, i.e., use of vacation, banked time, leave without pay, making the time up by working additional hours.

26.05 Medical/Dental Appointments

Employee Medical/Dental Appointments

To the extent possible, employees should schedule appointments outside normal working hours. If it is not possible to schedule an appointment outside normal working hours, employees should schedule appointments at a time that is most convenient to the department. In most cases, this time will be at the beginning or at the end of the work day. When it is necessary to schedule appointments during normal working hours, employees will be allowed reasonable travel time to the appointment, waiting time, appointment time and reasonable travel time to return to work. Additional time away from work, other than that specified in the previous sentence, must be approved by the employee's supervisor and will generally have to be made up.

Where the need to attend such appointments becomes frequent and/or starts to impact the department's operation, other arrangements will have to be made. In such cases, the employee's supervisor should consult with **People and Culture**.

Family Member Medical/Dental Appointments

Time-off without loss of pay will be granted periodically to employees for the purpose of attending appointments of an immediate family member (defined as father, mother, guardian, spouse, common-law spouse, son, daughter or step-child) only when it is not possible to make alternative arrangements. Generally this would involve the need to transport and accompany young children, elderly family members or very sick family members to the appointment. Time-off without loss of pay will also be granted when the health care professional specifically requests the employee to be present at the appointment.

For family members' medical and dental appointments beyond those referenced above, supervisors may approve time off to attend the appointments of an immediate family member however such time must be made up. Time may be made up by using banked time or vacation or by working additional hours.

Where the need to attend such appointments becomes frequent and/or starts to impact the department's operation, other arrangements will have to be made. In such cases, the employee's supervisor should consult with **People and Culture**.

26.06 Elections

Paid leave will be granted according to law for elections.

In the case of Federal elections, every eligible voter has the right to have four consecutive hours for the purpose of casting a vote while the polls are open. In the case of Provincial elections, every eligible voter has the right to three such hours. If an employee's hours of employment do not allow this time off, an employee will be given such additional time off as necessary.

26.07 Jury Duty

An employee who is called for jury duty or subpoenaed as a witness, other than as a witness in an arbitration proceeding conducted pursuant to this Agreement, will receive for each period of absence from work resulting the difference between pay lost, computed at the employee's normal daily rate of pay, and the amount of jury duty or witness fees to be received, provided that the employee furnishes the Employer with a certificate of service showing attendance and the amount of jury or witness fees received or to be received.

26.08 Maternity/Paternity Leave

Maternity/Paternity leave shall be granted as a right to the birth parent. The Employer shall not deny the pregnant employee the right to continue employment during the period of pregnancy based only on the fact of pregnancy.

A pregnant employee wishing to take Maternity/Paternity leave shall advise the Employer in writing of their intention to take that leave, including the anticipated start date, at least four (4) months prior to the probable delivery date or as soon as pregnancy is confirmed, whichever is later. In the absence of an emergency, the employee shall give two (2) weeks' notice prior to commencing Maternity/Paternity leave.

Maternity/Paternity leave shall begin no earlier than twelve (12) weeks prior to the probable delivery date.

During a period of Maternity/Paternity leave, the Employer will supplement Employment Insurance (EI) Maternity Benefits. The Employer shall pay 95% of the employee's salary for the unpaid waiting period (first week of

Maternity/Paternity leave) and 40% of the employee's salary (to a maximum of 95% of the employee's salary when combined with the EI weekly benefit) for an additional fifteen (15) weeks.

Should the employee not continue on to child care leave, the Employer shall pay 95% of salary (40% if in receipt of EI benefits) for week seventeen (17). If the employee is continuing on to child care leave, please refer to article 26.09 "Child Care Leave".

Supplemental Maternity/Paternity benefits will end when an employee's employment ends. They will not be made to sessional employees during normal periods of inactive service. The Employer shall not amend its supplemental unemployment benefit plan in any way which would adversely affect employees without the consent of the Union.

During a period of Maternity/Paternity leave, the Employer shall continue to pay its share of health, dental and life insurance premiums.

26.09 Child Care Leave

Child care leave shall be granted to an Employee who is the natural parent of a newborn or unborn child or who is adopting or has adopted a child.

An Employee wishing to take child care leave shall provide the Employer with four (4) weeks written notice of the commencement date and duration of the leave. Where the birth parent is not an Employee, the Employee shall provide the Employer with a medical certificate specifying the probable date of delivery or the date upon which the birth has occurred.

An Employee who is an adoptive parent intending to take child care leave shall:

- i) provide the Employer with proof that a child has been or will be placed with the Employee for the purpose of adopting;
- ii) notify the Employer of the commencement date and duration of the leave on being made aware of the date of placement with the Employee for adoption;
- iii) in the absence of an emergency, provide the Employer with four (4) months notice before the anticipated day on which the child will come into the Employee's care and custody.

Child care leave shall cover a period of up to sixty-three (63) consecutive weeks or such shorter period as the Employee requests so as to enable the Employee to care for the child. Except as noted below, this leave shall be unpaid. It shall begin not earlier than the date on which the newborn or adopted child comes into the care and custody of the Employee and end no later than either seventy-eight (78) weeks (if taken in conjunction with EI maternity leave benefits) or sixty-three (63) weeks (if child care leave is solely taken) after that date. Where both parents

are employees, child care leave may be shared by the parents but the leave may not exceed sixty-three (63) weeks in total, regardless of how it is divided. Each parent's child care leave must be taken in a consecutive manner.

Where a birth parent intends to take child care leave in addition to a maternity/paternity leave, except if the newborn is hospitalized when an Employee's maternity/paternity leave expires, the Employee is required to commence the child care leave immediately on expiration of the maternity/paternity leave unless the Employer and employee otherwise agree. The combined maternity/paternity leave of up to seventeen (17) weeks and child care leave of up to sixty-three (63) weeks taken by one or both parents cannot exceed more than seventy-eight (78) weeks.

During a period of child care leave, the Employer will supplement Employment Insurance (EI) parental benefits as follows:

Where an Employee wishes to take child care leave and is required to serve a one week waiting period

- i) the Employer will pay 95% of the Employee's salary for the waiting period
- ii) during the next twelve (12) weeks of child care leave the Employer will pay 40% of the Employee's salary (to a maximum of 95% of the Employee's salary when combined with the EI weekly benefit)

Where an Employee wishes to take child care leave and is not required to serve a waiting period

- i) during the first thirteen (13) weeks of child care leave the Employer will pay 40% of the Employee's salary (to a maximum of 95% of the Employee's salary when combined with the EI weekly benefit)

During the last week of the child care leave the Employer will pay 40% of the employee's salary (to a maximum of 95% of the employee's salary when combined with the EI weekly benefit). If the employee is not entitled to EI benefits during the final week, the Employer will pay 95% of the employee's salary.

Where both parents are employees, the combined supplemental parental benefits shall not exceed a total of thirteen (13) weeks. Supplemental parental benefits will end when an Employee's employment ends. They will not be made to sessional Employees during normal periods of inactive service.

During a period of child care leave, the Employer shall continue to pay its share of health, dental and life insurance premiums.

26.10 Compassionate Care Leave

The Employer shall grant an employee an unpaid compassionate care leave in accordance with the provisions and requirements as provided for under the New Brunswick Employment Standards Act. An employee shall endeavour to provide as much notice to the Employer as is reasonably possible of their intent to take such a leave. The Employer will continue to pay its share of applicable benefit premiums during the leave if coverage can be continued under the provisions of the individual benefit policies. If circumstances change, the employee may return to work before the intended expiration of the leave and shall endeavour to provide as much notice to the Employer as is reasonably possible.

26.11 Seniority During Leave of Absence

An employee on leave of absence shall continue to accrue seniority and service.

26.12 Placement on Return from a Leave

If an employee is not guaranteed in writing, as a term of a leave of absence, that they will return to their former position on return from the leave, the employee will be treated at the end of the leave as if they were laid off effective at the end of the leave.

26.13 Leave for Public Office

The Employer recognizes the right of employees to participate in public affairs. An employee who is a candidate in a federal, provincial or municipal election shall submit a written request for an unpaid leave of absence. Approval of the request shall not be unreasonably withheld.

An employee who is elected to Public Office shall be granted an unpaid leave of absence for the term of Public Office. The employee shall retain accumulated seniority as of the start of the leave but shall not accrue seniority during the leave of absence. At the end of the leave, the employee shall not have the right to bump another employee but shall have the rights provided under Article 20.04, Recall Procedure.

26.14 Storm Leave

During storms where conditions do not warrant closure of the University, it is recognized that individual employees may be unable to report to work, may report to work late or may wish to leave work early due to road conditions.

Employees are expected to make every reasonable effort to meet their normal responsibilities to the University. If employees are not able to meet those responsibilities, which may include coming to work and remaining at work, they must inform their supervisors. If their supervisor then concludes that they have

made a reasonable effort to meet those responsibilities, they will be paid. Otherwise, they will not be paid.

In cases where a decision has been made to close the University as a result of a storm or for any other reason, employees who had scheduled vacation, sick leave, compensating time off for overtime, days off in lieu, normal days off or other approved leave will have their time recorded as scheduled, i.e., it will not be replenished.

26.15 Domestic Violence Leave

The employer shall grant an employee a Domestic Violence Leave up to ten (10) days, which the Employee may take intermittently or in one continuous period and an additional leave up to sixteen (16) weeks in one continuous period in accordance with the provisions and requirements as provided for under the New Brunswick Employment Standards Act. The first five (5) days of this leave are paid and the additional leave is unpaid.

An employee shall endeavour to provide as much notice to the Employer as is reasonably possible of their intent to take such a leave under Article 5.05. The Employer will continue to pay its share of applicable benefit premiums during the leave if coverage can be continued under the provisions of the individual benefit policies. If circumstances change, the employee may return to work before the intended expiration of the leave and shall endeavour to provide as much notice to the Employer as is reasonably possible.

26.16 Unpaid Leave

An employee may apply for an unpaid leave of absence by submitting a written request to their manager, with a copy to the **People and Culture** Department.

Subject to operational requirements, the Employer may approve the request.

If the request is denied, the Employer will notify the employee and the Union in writing and provide the reason(s) for the denial.

26.17 Other Leaves

A leave of absence with or without pay in circumstances not covered explicitly by this Agreement may be granted by the employee's manager with the approval of the appropriate Vice-President.

ARTICLE 27 - PAYMENT OF WAGES AND ALLOWANCES

27.01 Pay Rates

The Employer shall pay employees salaries according to their placement on the pay scales attached hereto as Appendix "A" and forming part of this agreement.

27.02 Itemized Statements

Each pay every employee shall be provided with an itemized statement of the employee's salary, overtime and other supplementary pay and deductions.

27.03 Pay Days

Employees will be paid on the 15th and on the last working day of each month. If the 15th is not a working day, then employees will be paid on the last working day before the 15th.

27.04 Severance Pay

An employee, on severance of employment with at least ten (10) years of seniority, shall receive a lump sum payment amounting to five (5) days' pay for each year of seniority, to a maximum of 150 days' pay. The rate of pay shall be the rate in effect at severance. These payments are not income for the purposes of pension plans.

An employee eligible for this payment whose salary grade is lower at the time of payment than at any point in the preceding five (5) years, shall be paid at a rate based on the highest salary grade of any continuing appointment in the bargaining unit held by the employee during that five (5) year period. The payment will be calculated using the salary scale currently in effect and the step on which the employee was placed at the end of that continuing appointment.

27.05 Workers' Compensation

In this clause an injury means an injury within the meaning of the Workers' Compensation Act, and includes the recurrence of an injury. Where an injury to an employee results in an absence from work beyond the day of the injury and the employee is entitled to receive compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act as a result of that injury and absence, and where the absence extends more than three working days beyond the day of the injury, the employee shall not receive, except as provided in this clause, any income from the Employer, in respect of those three days or the remainder of the absence, including but not limited to paid sick leave, paid vacation or other paid leave.

However, to the extent it is able to do so without causing the employee to have their compensation under the Act reduced or eliminated and without causing LTD payments to other employees to be subject to income tax, for up to one year and while the absence continues as a result of the injury the Employer will pay the full cost of the employee's health coverage, dental coverage, AD&D insurance, academic fee discount, life insurance and long term disability insurance, and will make the employee's pension contributions.

The Employer will, until a decision is received from the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission to a maximum of one year, advance compensation payments to the employee every two weeks, including payments in respect of the first three working days following the day of the injury if and when the employee is absent from work long enough to receive compensation from the Commission for those three days. Any compensation payments from the Commission which have been so advanced shall be assigned to the Employer by the employee. If the claim is approved, the Employer shall no longer advance the amount of the compensation payments and the employee will no longer assign compensation payments to the Employer.

Nothing in this Article prevents the employee from being paid after the injury for work done before the injury.

27.06 Long Service Bonus

Employees with a seniority date before July 1, 1999 shall have Long Service Bonuses added to the rates otherwise determined in accordance with clauses 27.01 and 27.07, as follows:

After 8 years service but less than 13 years	- 3%
After 13 years service but less than 18 years	- 5%
After 18 years service but less than 23 years	- 7%
After 23 years service	- 9%

27.07 Pay Increases for Those Over Scale

Notwithstanding Clause 27.01, those employees who are red-circled shall have their salaries increased by one-half of any future scale increases made to the pay scale. **This includes, for example, an employee who has exercised a right to bump pursuant to Article 20.03 or an employee whose position has been evaluated at a lower pay scale by the Joint Job Evaluation Committee.**

27.08 Market Differential Payment

The Employer shall pay a market differential payment of 15% in addition to the rates determined in accordance with Article 27.01 to employees in the following positions:

Senior Programmer/Analyst
Programmer
Junior Programmer
Systems Administrator
Network Analyst
Educational Technology Consultant
Web Developer
Systems Programmer
Lab Instructor/Technician (Math & Computer Science)

27.09 Anniversary Seniority Payment

An employee who is not eligible for the Long Service Bonus under Clause 27.06 shall receive a lump sum payment, as follows:

On Reaching 10 Years of Seniority -	\$2,000
On Reaching 15 Years of Seniority -	\$2,000
On Reaching 20 Years of Seniority -	\$2,000
On Reaching 25 years of Seniority -	\$2,500

An employee who is receiving the Long Service Bonus under Clause 27.06 is not eligible to receive payments under this clause.

27.10 Personal Protective Equipment

Personal protective equipment refers to protective clothing, eyewear, footwear or other garments or equipment designed to protect an employee against hazards and which has been deemed by the Employer and/or provincial health and safety regulations as a requirement while performing specified job responsibilities. An employee shall be required to wear or use such equipment while performing the responsibilities for which the equipment is required. Personal protective equipment, other than safety footwear, shall be provided to the employee at no cost and shall be replaced as is reasonably necessary.

Where the Employer requires an employee to wear safety footwear in the performance of their duties on an ongoing basis, the Employee shall receive an allowance of up to **\$200** toward the cost of CSA approved safety footwear, provided a receipt for the purchase of such footwear for the amount of at least the amount claimed is submitted. When there is demonstrated need for a replacement of safety footwear, the employee will again receive the allowance.

ARTICLE 28 - JOINT JOB EVALUATION

28.01 Joint Job Evaluation Committee

The Joint Job Evaluation Committee shall consist of four (4) members from the Employer and four (4) members from the Union. **The Committee may consult with external advisors if needed to assist the Committee.**

28.02 Job Evaluation Plan

The Job Evaluation Plan developed by the Joint Job Evaluation Committee shall be used to evaluate positions held by employees. **The Employer will not change the plan without mutual consent with the Union.**

28.03 Powers of the Committee

The Committee shall have the power 1) to perform those functions reserved to the committee in the “**Maintaining The Job Evaluation Programme**” **document** and 2) to make recommendations such as changes to the plan, maintenance procedures, salary structure, or related policies.

28.04 Attendance at Meetings

The Employer shall release the representatives named by the Union to attend sessions of the Joint Job Evaluation Committee **without loss of pay or benefits or seniority**.

28.05 Application Process

The job evaluation process may be initiated by either an employee or **the employer** by making an application using the prescribed form. A copy of the application shall be kept by the parties and a copy forwarded to **People and Culture and the Union**.

A revised position description must be completed and forwarded to **People and Culture and the Union**.

Any decision of the Joint Job Evaluation Committee that results in a reclassification of the salary grade will normally be effective no earlier than the original date of the application. Any request to extend this retroactivity date requires the approval of the appropriate Vice-President and must not exceed six (6) additional months.

Any employee whose job is assessed at a lower grade following the evaluation of the job shall have their salary red-circled.

28.06 New Positions

When a new position is created, People and Culture will request a review by the Joint Job Evaluation Committee.

28.07 Mutual Respect

Members of the Joint Job Evaluation Committee will at all times be treated professionally and with respect.

ARTICLE 29 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

29.01 Defined Benefit Pension Plan

The Employer will not change its defined benefit Pension Plan or the Pension Plan Funding Policy dated November 12, 2015 so as to adversely affect employees without the consent of the Union. The Union will be advised of any changes in the Pension Plan. Upon request of the Union, the Employer shall provide an up-to-date copy of the Plan and full reports on all details of the Plan and the performance of the pension fund.

The Union shall have a minimum of two representatives on the Pension Advisory Committee.

The Employer shall provide a summary of the Pension Plan to each new employee. The summary shall also be available on request from the **People and Culture** Department or by accessing the **People and Culture** section of the Employer's website.

Those employees in the Sun Life pension plan on the day the Agreement is signed will continue in that pension plan. No employees will join the Sun Life pension plan after this Agreement is signed.

29.02 Health, Dental and Other Insurance Plans

The following will be made available to all employees on the same basis as they are presently made available.

	<u>Employer Share of Premiums</u>	<u>Employee Share of Premiums</u>
1. Health	50%	50%
2. Dental	85%	15%
3. Basic Life Insurance	100%	
4. Voluntary Life Insurance		100%
5. Business Travel Accident Insurance Plan	100%	
6. Voluntary Personal Accident Insurance		100%
7. Long Term Disability		100%

8. Critical Illness Insurance 100%

The employees' share of the Employment Insurance Premium Reduction shall continue to be used to reduce the employees' share of premiums for the Health Plan.

The Employer shall advise the Union of any changes made to the above plans.

The Employer shall co-operate in providing information to the Union about these plans, including information about the cost of the plans, so the Union can evaluate the plans and make recommendations for changes or improvements.

29.03 Part-time Employees

The Employer's pension and benefit plans limit coverage to those employees working a minimum number of hours. Part-time employees will only be covered by those plans if they work at or above those minimums. Those minimums will not be changed so as to adversely affect employees without the consent of the Union.

29.04 Employee and Family Assistance Program

The Employer will not change the Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) implemented effective April 2, 2001 so as to adversely affect employees without consulting the Union. Additional information about the Program may be obtained from the **People and Culture** Department.

29.05 Self-Funded Leave Plan

The Self-Funded Leave Plan, as agreed to by the Union on January 7, 1999, shall be continued by the Employer. The Employer will not change the Plan so as to adversely affect employees without the consent of the Union.

29.06 Continuation of Health/Dental insurance

An employee who terminates employment because of an illness or other disability may continue health and dental coverage until age 65, subject to the Employer's contract with the insurance carrier. Such employees must go into the Employer's plan for former employees and pay premiums on the same basis as other members of that plan.

An employee will qualify for the coverage provided by this article if they are at least 45 years of age with ten (10) or more years of continuous service at the time that benefits under the long-term disability plan commence.

29.07 Tuition Fee Discount

The Employer will not change its academic fee discount policy so as to adversely affect employees without the consent of the Union. Sessional employees will receive the same benefit of the fee discount policy all year. Information about the fee discount policy is available on request from the **People and Culture** Department or in the **People and Culture** section of the Employer's website.

29.08 Athletic Memberships

The Employer shall provide each year a free, individual Athletic Centre membership to the Physical Recreation and Athletic Centre to employees who request such membership. Effective September 1, 2010, employees who wish to have a membership to the Fitness Centre in the McCain Student Centre shall pay an annual fee which is equal to the fee paid by students.

29.09 Parental Expense Supplement

Effective July 1, 2017, the Employer shall provide an employee up to **\$900** each year of the Collective Agreement for each dependent child of the employee under 5 years of age, for the purpose of supplementing parental expenses. The Labour Management Committee will develop an operational plan for the supplement by March 31, 2018.

Only one employee of the University may access this supplement for the same child.

ARTICLE 30 - TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

30.01 Definition

A change in the Employer's operation directly related to the introduction of methods, equipment or material which will result in changes in the employment status or working conditions of employees.

30.02 Introduction

Where technological change is to be implemented, the Employer will seek ways and means of minimizing adverse effects on employees which might result from such changes.

30.03 Notice

The Employer will give the Union written notice of technological change as soon as possible but no less than 4 months prior to the date the change is to be implemented. During this period the parties will meet to discuss the steps to be taken to assist employees who could be affected before the technological changes are introduced.

30.04 Training

If as a result of a technological change the Employer requires an employee to undertake additional training, the training will be given at the Employer's expense and during the regular hours of work without loss of pay to the employee.

30.05 Transfer and Lay-Off

If an employee's position is rendered redundant as a result of technological changes or if an employee is unable to adapt to technological changes, the provisions of Article 20 shall apply. No new employee shall be hired before those employees affected by the change or lay-off have been allowed a reasonable period to acquire knowledge or skill to retain their employment.

30.06 Effects of Technological Change

The Employer agrees to address and review the effects of technological change through the forum of the Labour Management Committee and shall provide this committee with all necessary data and information it requires to effectively deal with such changes.

ARTICLE 31 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

31.01 Bulletin Boards

The Employer shall provide reasonable access to bulletin boards in each work location so the Union can post notice of meetings and other Union business material and notices.

31.02 Storage of Union Records and Office Space

The Employer will offer the Union the use of filing cabinets if the Employer has any filing cabinets not in use. Furthermore, the Employer will make a reasonable effort to find secure storage space for the Union's records if the Union's officers are not able to store them at their work locations.

The Employer agrees to provide the Union with office space on campus, if available. The location of the space may change if necessary subject to availability of suitable space.

31.03 Copies of Agreement

The Union and the Employer desire every employee to be familiar with the provisions of this Agreement and their rights and obligations under it. Within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Agreement, the Employer shall post the Agreement on its website. **Paper copies** of this Agreement shall be provided **to the Union upon** request.

31.04 Interpretation

New and modified language in this collective agreement shall be indicated in bold text.

31.05 Strikes and Lock-Outs

The parties agree that there shall be no strike as defined in the *Industrial Relations Act* and no lock-out as defined in the *Industrial Relations Act* as long as this Agreement remains in effect.

31.06 Animal Care in the Event of a Strike or Lockout

The Employer and the Union recognize that animals held in the Employer's animal care facilities are dependant upon their animal care workers for their health and well-being. Therefore, the parties express their intention to ensure that in the event of a strike or lockout these animals will be properly cared for. The Union will ensure this by permitting animal care workers in the bargaining unit to cross picket lines to care for the animals. The Employer will ensure this by permitting animal care workers to enter its facilities to care for the animals.

The animal care workers will maintain a level of care which is in accordance with the guidelines of the Canadian Council of Animal Care and any animal care protocols registered with the Animal Care Committee of Mount Allison University.

31.07 Professional Development

In selecting and/or approving an employee for professional development, required qualifications, required abilities and seniority shall apply. When qualifications and abilities are relatively equal, seniority shall prevail. The employee shall receive pay for normal hours of work for the duration of the professional development, and shall receive compensation for any necessary expenses.

31.08 Staff Development Program

The Employer and the Union shall promote, through the Labour-Management Committee, an internal staff development programme so that employees will have an opportunity to improve their job skills and to develop additional job skills.

31.09 Position Descriptions

The Employer shall provide to the Union a copy of the position description for each employee, on or before January 31 of each year. Individual employees **or the Union** may request a copy of any position description for valid reasons from **People and Culture**.

ARTICLE 32 - NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

32.01 Notice of Resignation

An employee shall provide their immediate supervisor with at least **two (2) weeks'** written notice, with a copy to **People and Culture**, of their intention to resign.

ARTICLE 33 – RETIREMENT

33.01 Normal Retirement Date

An employee's normal retirement date is the day the employee attains age 65 if that day is the first calendar day of a month. Otherwise the normal retirement date is the first day of the next month.

The normal retirement date for an employee in the academic pension plan is the June 30th following the employee's 65th birthday.

33.02 Retirement After the Normal Retirement Date

An employee may work beyond the normal retirement date.

33.03 Benefits Coverage for an Employee who Works Beyond the Normal Retirement Date

An employee who continues to work beyond the normal retirement date shall be eligible to participate in the following benefit plans in accordance with the terms of each plan and the nature of their appointment:

- i) Health Insurance Plan (excluding prescription drug coverage);
- ii) Dental Insurance Plan;
- iii) Accidental Death & Dismemberment Plan (until age 70);
- iv) Basic Life Insurance Plan (no waiver of premium benefit);
- v) Optional Life Insurance Plan (until age 70; no waiver of premium benefit)
- vi) Critical Illness Insurance Plan (until age 70);
- vii) Long-term Disability Insurance Plan (until age 70).

An employee shall continue to participate in the pension plan until the

employee's actual retirement date or such earlier date as may be required under applicable legislation.

33.04 Notice of Retirement

An employee shall notify **People and Culture** at least six (6) months prior to their intended retirement date **and shall confirm their retirement date in writing to People and Culture** at least four (4) months prior to the retirement date. **The Employer shall then notify the employee's immediate supervisor and the Union of the Employee's retirement date.**

ARTICLE 34 - TERM OF AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENTS

34.01 Duration

This Agreement shall be in effect for a term beginning the 1st day of July, **2025**, and ending on the 30th day of June, **2029**, and shall be automatically renewed thereafter for successive periods of twelve (12) months unless either party requests the negotiation of a new agreement by giving written notice to the other party not less than thirty (30) calendar days and not more than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the expiration of this Agreement or any renewal thereof.

34.02 Agreement Continues In Force

Where a notice requesting negotiation of a new agreement has been given, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until such time as agreement has been reached in respect to a renewal, amendment or substitution hereof, or until such time as the parties are authorized to declare a strike or lock-out under the *Industrial Relations Act*, provided that this Agreement may be further extended from time to time by mutual agreement.

34.03 Mutually Agreed Changes

Any mutually agreed changes to this Collective Agreement made in writing shall form part of this Collective Agreement and are subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures.

34.04 Present Conditions to Continue

The present hours of work, work schedules, lay-off and recall procedures, overtime compensation and shift differentials will continue in effect for sessional employees in the Library's Circulation Department. However, the Employer may change the work schedule and hours of work by advising the Union in writing one (1) month in advance of the changes.

34.05 Retroactivity

The only provisions of this Agreement which are retroactive to the date the agreement is signed are salaries and wages for **all** hours worked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto set their hands this 9th day of February, 2026.

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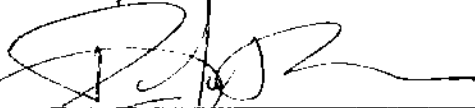
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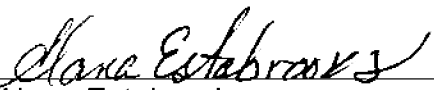
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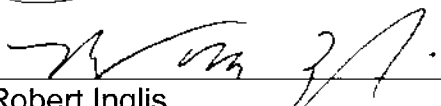
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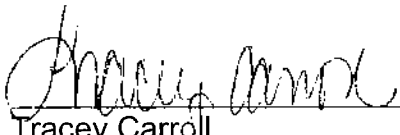
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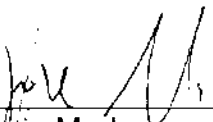
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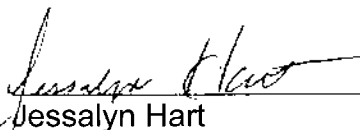
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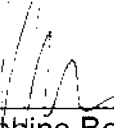
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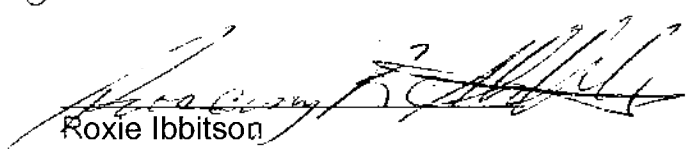
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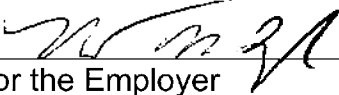
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LETTER OF AGREEMENT – RIGHT TO RETURN TO BARGAINING UNIT

Notwithstanding anything in articles 18.03 or 19.10, the Employer and the Union will honour any letters of understanding regarding an employee's right to return to their position within the bargaining unit following an appointment outside of the bargaining unit provided such letters of understanding were entered into by the Employer and the Union prior to July 21, 2025.



For the Employer



For the Union

February 9, 2026
Date

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Appendix "A"

SALARY SCALE-2025/2026

GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
3	\$37,299	\$38,282	\$39,264	\$40,247	\$41,229
4	\$40,428	\$41,477	\$42,527	\$43,576	\$44,625
5	\$43,868	\$44,986	\$46,105	\$47,223	\$48,341
6	\$47,656	\$48,853	\$50,049	\$51,246	\$52,442
7	\$51,815	\$53,097	\$54,379	\$55,661	\$56,943
8	\$56,399	\$57,775	\$59,150	\$60,526	\$61,901
9	\$61,436	\$62,916	\$64,396	\$65,875	\$67,355
10	\$66,981	\$68,576	\$70,170	\$71,765	\$73,359
11	\$73,080	\$74,800	\$76,519	\$78,239	\$79,958

1. **Any employee who is not at the last step for their grade shall be awarded an increase of one step on July 1st of each year unless that employee is on probation as of July 1st.**

SALARY SCALE-2026/2027

GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
3	\$38,418	\$39,430	\$40,442	\$41,454	\$42,466
4	\$41,641	\$42,722	\$43,802	\$44,883	\$45,964
5	\$45,184	\$46,336	\$47,488	\$48,639	\$49,791
6	\$49,086	\$50,318	\$51,550	\$52,783	\$54,015
7	\$53,369	\$54,690	\$56,010	\$57,331	\$58,651
8	\$58,091	\$59,508	\$60,925	\$62,341	\$63,758
9	\$63,279	\$64,803	\$66,327	\$67,852	\$69,376
10	\$68,990	\$70,633	\$72,275	\$73,917	\$75,560
11	\$75,272	\$77,044	\$78,815	\$80,586	\$82,357

1. **Any employee who is not at the last step for their grade shall be awarded an increase of one step on July 1st of each year unless that employee is on probation as of July 1st.**

SALARY SCALE-2027/2028

GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
3	\$39,571	\$40,613	\$41,655	\$42,698	\$43,740
4	\$42,890	\$44,003	\$45,116	\$46,230	\$47,343
5	\$46,540	\$47,726	\$48,912	\$50,099	\$51,285
6	\$50,558	\$51,828	\$53,097	\$54,366	\$55,636
7	\$54,971	\$56,331	\$57,691	\$59,051	\$60,411
8	\$59,834	\$61,293	\$62,752	\$64,212	\$65,671
9	\$65,177	\$66,747	\$68,317	\$69,887	\$71,457
10	\$71,060	\$72,752	\$74,443	\$76,135	\$77,827
11	\$77,531	\$79,355	\$81,179	\$83,003	\$84,828

- 1. Any employee who is not at the last step for their grade shall be awarded an increase of one step on July 1st of each year unless that employee is on probation as of July 1st.**

SALARY SCALE-2028/2029

GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
3	\$40,758	\$41,831	\$42,905	\$43,978	\$45,052
4	\$44,177	\$45,323	\$46,470	\$47,616	\$48,763
5	\$47,936	\$49,158	\$50,380	\$51,602	\$52,824
6	\$52,075	\$53,382	\$54,690	\$55,997	\$57,305
7	\$56,620	\$58,021	\$59,421	\$60,822	\$62,223
8	\$61,629	\$63,132	\$64,635	\$66,138	\$67,641
9	\$67,133	\$68,750	\$70,367	\$71,984	\$73,601
10	\$73,192	\$74,934	\$76,677	\$78,419	\$80,161
11	\$79,856	\$81,736	\$83,615	\$85,494	\$87,373

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